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For: INTER-AXLE DIFFERENTIAL WITH IMPROVED  
DIFFERENTIAL GEAR MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT

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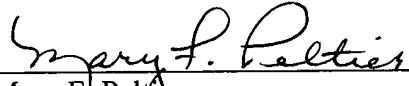
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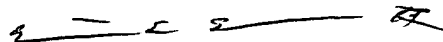
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enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, is otherwise "material to patentability," as that term is defined in that section.

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| <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |                 |            |                                              |       |                                         |                                                                                                                                                         |
| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | REF | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE       | NAME                                         | CLASS | SUBCLASS                                | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | 2,355,144       | 08/08/1944 | Carlson                                      |       |                                         |                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | 4,455,889       | 06/26/1984 | Hauser                                       |       |                                         |                                                                                                                                                         |
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